

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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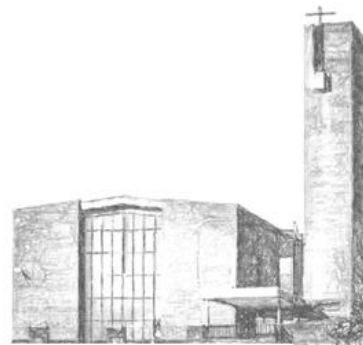
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MASS – 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT 22nd December 2024. Services for 23rd – 29th Dec

Monday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
19.00 – 20.00	Confessions
Tuesday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
17:00	Vigil Mass of Christmas
20:30	Carol Singing
21:00	First Mass of Christmas
Wednesday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Christmas Day Mass
Thursday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
11:00	Mass - St Stephen's Day
Friday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
Saturday	
09.15 – 09.45	Confessions
10.00	Mass
16.15 – 16.45	Confessions
29th Dec 2024.	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
17:00	Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sunday	
09:00	Sunday Mass
11:00	Sunday Mass

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Offertory cash	£1,705
Votives	£160
Stall	£280
Gift Aid £300	£2,145
Digital	£72

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

MICAH 5:2-5A

'From you shall come forth one who is to be ruler in Israel.'

PSALM 80

Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.

HEBREWS 10:5-10

'Behold, I have come to do your will.'

LUKE 1:39-45

Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

In some ways, the Visitation story is also another annunciation. Mary and Elizabeth meet, and each announces/exclaims the role of the other.

Elizabeth acknowledges the presence of the mother of her Lord; her unborn baby leaps for joy in recognition of the yet unborn Jesus; the one whom God has sent. Mary, visiting Elizabeth, acknowledges of her older relative's faith in the promises of the Lord. The Prophetic nature of the Advent Sunday gospels continues.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RIP Tommy Kilroy.

SICK Alex Jackson Lorraine Bonnar.

ANNIVERSARIES Ian Porter, Michael & Betty Horn, Johnny & Molly Lyons, Jimmy McCabe, George McCormack, Kathleen McGinn, Edward Croser.

MONTHS MIND Eileen Hamilton Frank & Mary McWilliams Ann Little Christina Samson

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE Michael Pewter Berry

WELCOME ! CHRISTOPHER IGWE

He was ordained deacon last week and will spend a short time here before his appointment in St. Mark and St. Anthony's parish in Rutherglen. Christopher will be ordained to the priesthood in late summer next year

FUTURE EVENTS & SERVICES

HOGMANAY FAMILY CEILIDH

The Parish will be hosting a family Ceilidh in the church hall on Tuesday 31st December from 8pm-12.30am. Tickets are £5 for adults and kids go free. There will be games and raffles on the night as well as a hot pie. BYOB and snacks. Tickets on sale at the back of the church on the first Sunday of advent.

DUNGAVEL IMMIGRATION CENTRE

I found my recent visit to the gates of Dungavel a very harrowing and disturbing experience. “Justice and Peace Scotland “who organised the short vigil mentioned that from time to time they take cakes and sweet goodies to the Immigration centre for the residents. At this time of year, many of us will be receiving goodies that we really could do without eating. I would be happy to accept sweets, chocolates etc and pass them on to J & P to give them to these poor souls. Leave donations at the Chapel House.

CHRISTINGLE

Children are invited to meet in the hall at 2.30pm on Monday 23rd December to begin the Christingle procession. More info from Alana Barrie 07804740183

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Within the bulletin today the traditional ‘Christmas Collection’ envelope. This was one of the old ‘Quarterly Collections’ of the past. This Collection is used to help support the Parish’s daily liturgical life, cost of heating and lighting the Church, (combined, they were almost £3,000 in November), as well as looking after the general fabric of the Church properties. We are fortunate in this Parish not to have a weekly second collection, as many other parishes do. Therefore, this the only time, apart from Easter, when we ask for a little extra help. But please, give only if you can afford to give, because of all the financial demands that we are all under at this time. If you are a member of the Giftaid scheme, then please mark as the envelope ‘Giftaid’ and add your blue envelope number or write your name on the envelope. Please place these in the box in the porch.

FOODBANK COLLECTION

Astonishing response for this month’s collection - 12 bags and £3604. Both Foodbanks have restated this week that they could not function fully without the support of Our Lady of Lourdes parishioners. In 2025 alone you have given just over £30,000. This month Loaves & Fishes received all of the bags and £1800 with £1804 going to Community Foodbank. Also, this month a parishioner handed over £500 from the annual collection from a Celtic fans’ group. In turn, £250 was given to each Foodbank. Many thanks again for this.

CONFESSIONS IN OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The last chance saloon for confessions here before Christmas is Monday 7pm -8pm.

DIGITAL SUNDAY OFFERING

The following QR Code or link takes you to a secure web page that can be used for your Sunday Offering.



Please note that not only can you donate your weekly donation online, there is also provision to give a donation for any special collections.

<https://donate.mydona.com/our-lady-of-lourdes-church>

You can also register for Gift Aid or Gift Aid your offering. Only those who Gift Aid will have their details recorded. You can also include a short message.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES

In some parishes it is traditional for the parish clergy to offer the Masses they say on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day for our dead relatives and friends. We will do this at the three Christmas Masses here at Our Lady of Lourdes this year. Their names will also be included in a special Christmas Day edition of the Bulletin. These are called ‘Christmas Remembrances’. If you like to have your loved ones remembered in this way, then please hand in their names to the Sacristy or the Chapel House, by the evening of Monday 23rd Dec.

FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES 2025

Last year some parishioners asked that the 60th Anniversary of the Solemn Opening of the Church be marked. Given that I was here such a short time and knew very few people it seemed an impossible task. By way of making up for that, I have invited Bishop Toal to celebrate the Feast day mass on 11th February next year. I invite those wishing to be part of the preparations for that to meet in the Church House on 7th January 7pm.

PARISH HALL: THE WEDNESDAY TEAROOM

Raised £345.41 during Advent. This sum has been forwarded to the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. The tearoom will take a break until 8th Jan. The toddlers group meet again on 9th January. Friday tea and toast resume 10th Jan.

“WALKING WITH THE POOR” BY FR MARTIN

CHAMBERS

After Fr Martin’s death in April, the trustees of The Ecuador Trust organised a reprint of his book “Walking with the Poor”, which is the story of Fr Martin’s five years on the Missions in Guayaquil, Ecuador (2005-2009).

A few new additions have been added – a new foreword by Archbishop Nolan, a new final chapter by Dr Joe Bradley, some updated photos and a new hymn written by Fr Martin. The book would make a lovely Christmas present and is available in the Stall for £10. All profits from the book go to The Martin Chambers Ecuador Trust.